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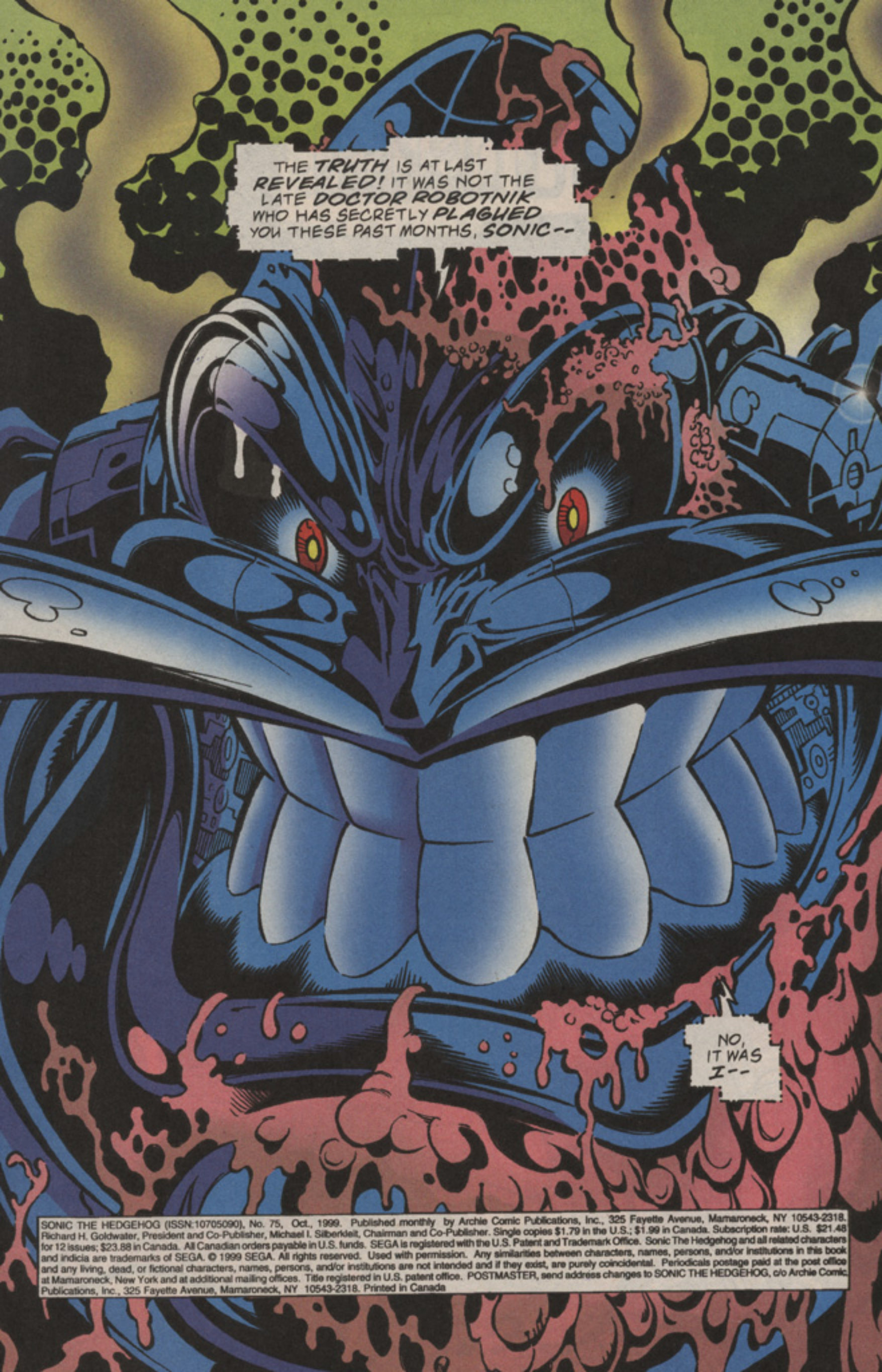
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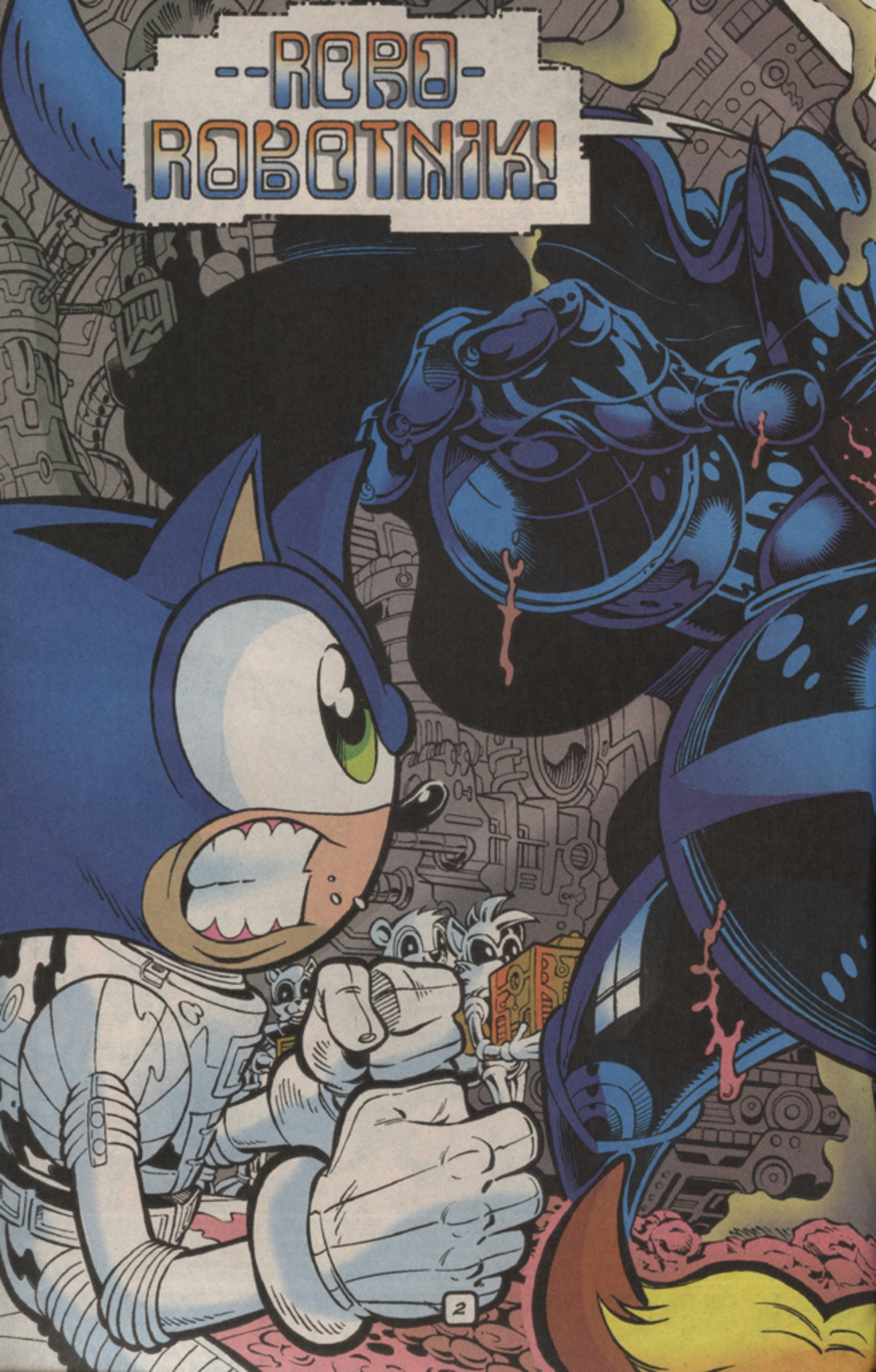
THE *TRUTH* IS AT LAST  
REVEALED! IT WAS NOT THE  
LATE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK  
WHO HAS SECRETLY PLAGUED  
YOU THESE PAST MONTHS, SONIC--

NO,  
IT WAS  
I--

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ROBOTNIK!





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# I AM THE EGGMAN!





THOUGH "ROBOTNIK-MACH 2" HAS A NICE RING TO IT, DON'T YOU THINK?

WE'RE TRAPPED!

IT'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY FIELD, TAILS!

I CALL IT THE "EGG-CELL" AND I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE THAT IT WILL PROVIDE EGG-CELLENT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR STAY!

YEEAAARGH!

BUNNIE...? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, MACHERE?!

MUH DADDY USED TO HAVE A SAYIN'---"SOONER OR LATHH, EVERY EGG GETS HATCHED!" OR IN THIS CASE...

...CRACKED!

Ahh...SUCH HEARTFELT DEVOTION FROM THE COWARDLY COYOTE. DON'T FRET--SHE'LL LIVE TO ANNOY YOU ALL WITH HER ACCENT ONCE AGAIN.

HER ROBOTICIZED ARM ACTED AS A CONDUCTOR WHEN SHE STRUCK THE CELL'S ELECTRICAL FIELD! SHE'S OUT COLD FOR NOW, BUT SHE'S LEARNED HER LESSON!

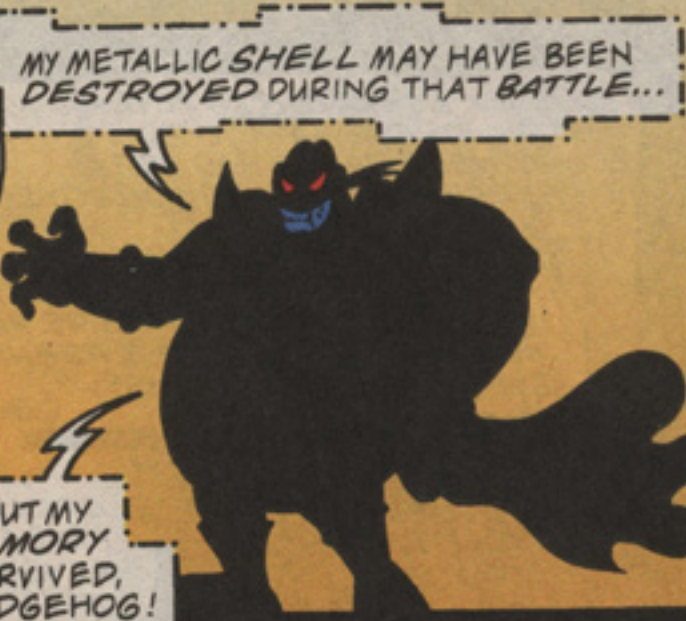
WHAT'S YOUR GAME, ROBO-ROBOTNIK? YOU'RE A ROBOTICIZED VERSION OF ROBOTNIK FROM ANOTHER ZONE..

\*Alternate reality-- JFG





\* Waaaaay back when in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG # 19--JFG



...BUT MY MEMORY SURVIVED, HEDGEHOG!

"AFTER I RETURNED TO MY OWN FUTURE, MY CYBERNETIC CONSCIOUSNESS REMAINED TRAPPED ABOARD AN ORBITAL SPACE STATION, FACING INEVITABLE SHUT-DOWN."



"I WAS IN THAT PREDICAMENT FOR YEARS, UNTIL YOUR REALITY'S ROBOTNIK BECAME STRANDED IN MY ZONE."



"WITH THE TECHNOLOGY AT MY DISPOSAL..."

"...I WAS ABLE TO RETURN HIM HOME!"

\* It happened back in Ish # 22--JFG



"WHAT HE DID NOT SUSPECT WAS THAT AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT..."

"...I TAPPED HIS MEMORY TO LEARN THE FATE OF THE GIANT-BORG BATTLE-SUIT!"



"IT WAS GIANT-BORG WHO HAD GIVEN ME ULTIMATE POWER ALL THOSE YEARS BEFORE,\* AND IT WAS GIANT-BORG WHO COULD DO SO AGAIN!"

\*Again, see ish. # 19



"ROBOTNIK'S THOUGHTS REVEALED THAT ALL OF THE BATTLE-SUIT'S COMPONENT PARTS HAD BEEN DISPERSED ACROSS VARIOUS ZONES.

"AFTER LOCATING THE PIECE THAT HAD LAIN DORMANT IN THE FUTURE REALITY WHERE I WAS TRAPPED, I REBUILT A SUITABLE BODY FOR MYSELF.

"LIKE 'BOMB,' ARENEGADE CREATION OF MINE, I WAS NOW ABLE TO RETURN FROM OBLIVION BY USING THE POWER OF TECHNOLOGY.

"WITH THAT GOAL ACHIEVED, I IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT DEVASTATING THE FACE OF THAT FUTURE MOBOTROPOLIS... INCLUDING ITS ROYAL FAMILY!"

"MY VICTORY WAS COMPLETE UNTIL I LEARNED THAT YOUR REALITY'S VERSION OF ROBOTNIK HAD BEEN ULTIMATELY ANNIHILATED!"

"SONIC # 50 (also SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 6).--JFG

"I HAD ERADICATED MY SONIC, WHILE YOU HAD RIDDEN YOURSELF OF YOUR ROBOTNIK! THUS I TRAVELED THROUGH TIME AND SPACE...

...TO FILL THE VOID LEFT IN BOTH OF OUR LIVES!

YOU'RE EVEN NUTTIER THAN THE OLD ROBOTNIK, RO"BU"TT"NIK, AND I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEEDED EIGHT SATELLITES OF DESTRUCTION TO GET OUR ATTENTION!

WHY NOT JUST COME OUT AND SAY, "HEY EVERYBODY... I'M HERE! I STINK!"

BLUSTER ALL YOU WISH, RODENT-- IT WON'T HELP! THE SATELLITES WERE MEANT TO TEST YOUR PROWESS AND LURE YOU AWAY FROM MOBOTROPOLIS!

LURE US AWAY FROM HOME?

UNNGH... WHUT HAPPENED?

WHY DO THAT?



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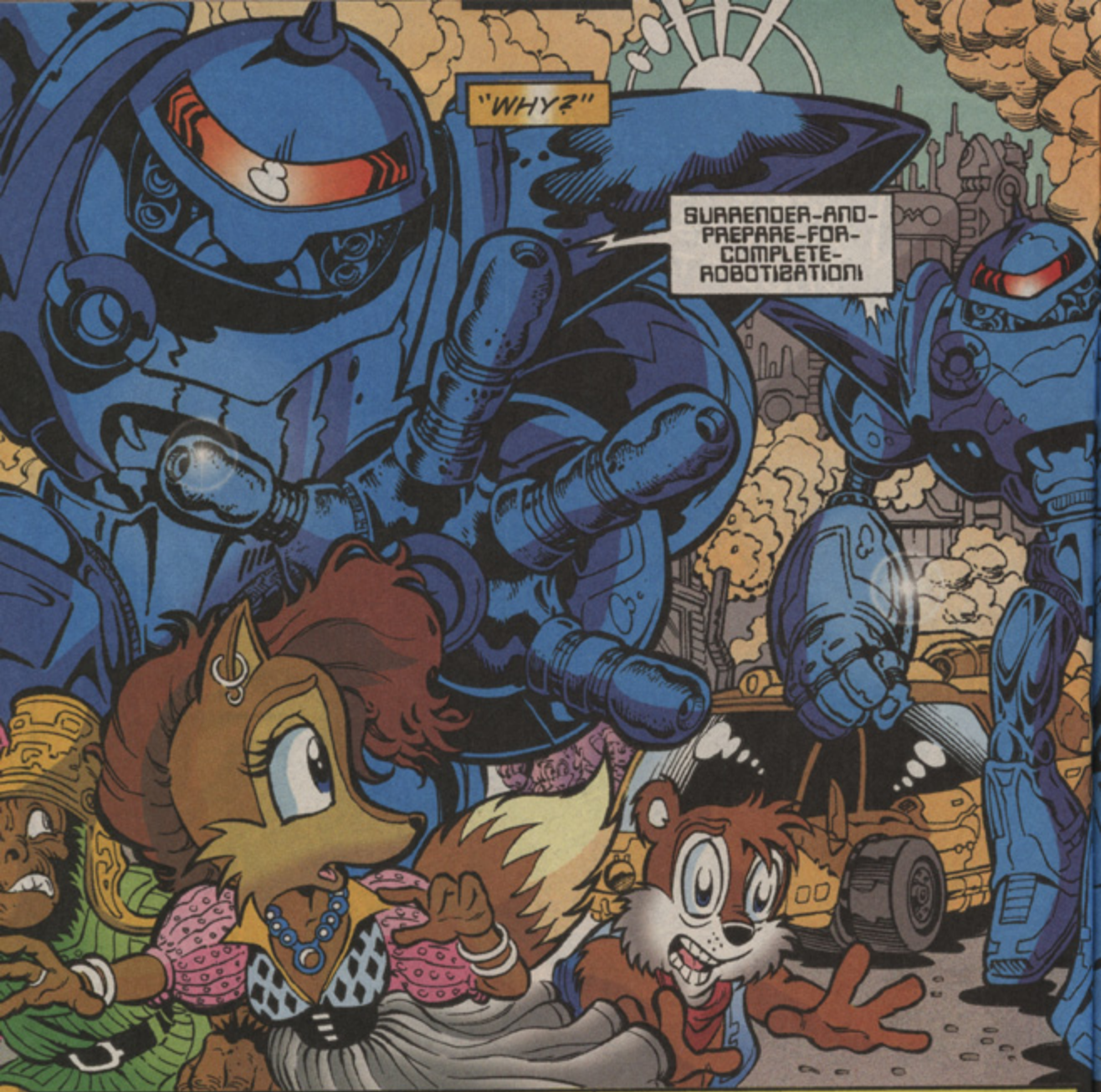
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CASTLE  
ACORN...

IT'S TRUE, SIRE -- OUR  
CITY IS BEING ATTACKED  
BY NEW AND IMPROVED  
SWAT-BOTS! NOWHERE  
IS SAFE!

KING  
MAXIMILLIAN--  
I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND.  
ISN'T DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK--



DEAD AND GONE,  
GEOFFREY?

SO WE HAD  
BELIEVED, BUT  
HIS EVIL APPARENTLY  
CONTINUES. I  
WANT YOU AND YOUR  
AGENTS TO ORGA-  
NIZE A UNIT OF  
GROUND  
TROOPS...



...AND EVACUATE  
CIVILIANS TO KNOT-  
HOLE VILLAGE AT  
ONCE! THERE THEY  
WILL BE SAFE.

UNCLE NATE!  
AMY ROSE! YOU MUST  
GATHER YOUR  
BELONGINGS QUICKLY!  
WE HAVE TO LEAVE  
THE CASTLE AT ONCE!



WE  
KNOW!

BE CAREFUL MOVING  
QUEEN ALICIA'S  
STASIS-TUBE, MEN--  
SHE'S VERY ILL AND  
THAT EQUIPMENT IS  
VERY DELICATE!



WE HEAR  
YOU, DOCTOR  
QUACK!



HAS ANYONE  
SEEN PRINCESS  
SALLY?





I HAVE!

ROBOTNIK!

IT'S ROBO-ROBOTNIK, YOU CROWNED CRETIN...



...AND THOSE AREN'T SWAT-BOTS OUT THERE RECLAIMING MY CITY!

THEY'RE CALLED SHADOW-BOTS--MORE EFFICIENT THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS IN EVERY WAY!

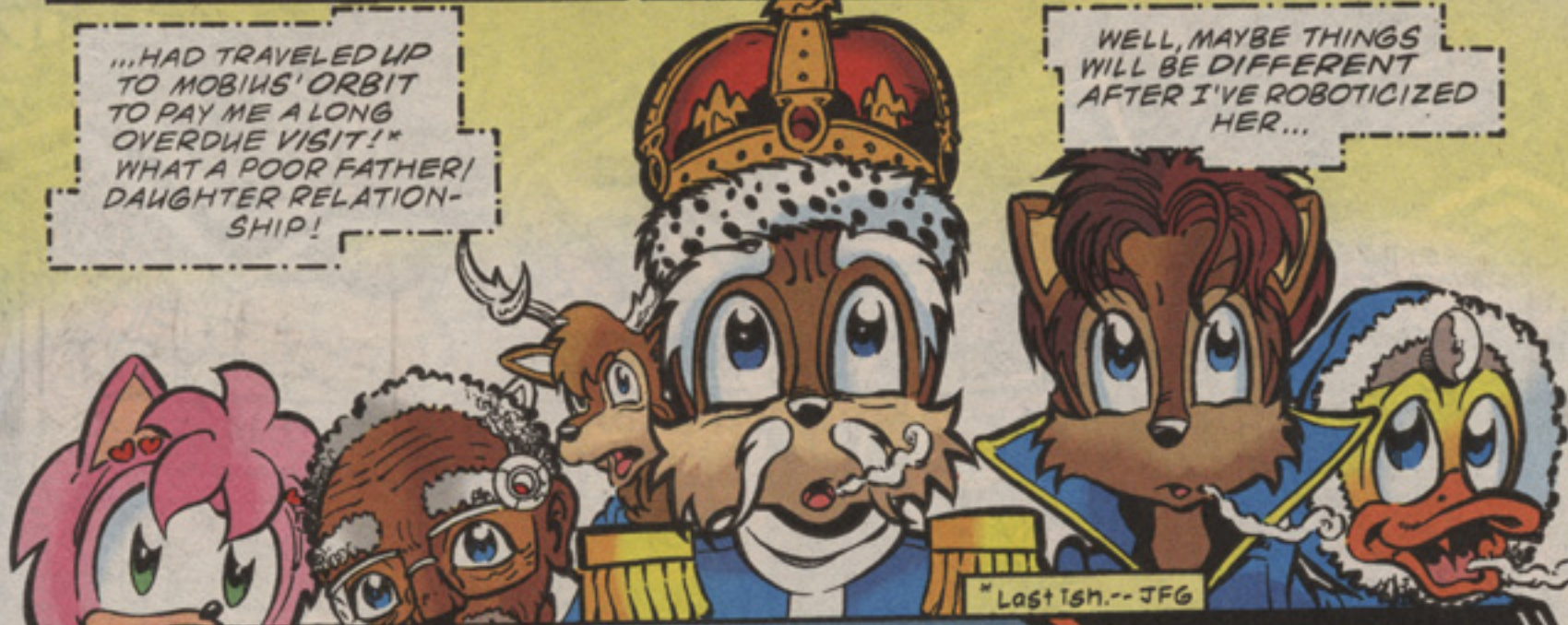


AND I BELIEVE YOU KNOW THIS QUINTESSENTIAL QUINTET--SONIC, TAILS, ANTOINE, BUNNIE, AND (DRUM ROLL PLEASE)...

...PRINCESS SALLY ACORN! WHAT'S THAT, YOUR STATE-LINESS? YOU WEREN'T AWARE THAT DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL AND HER PIP-SQUEAK PEP-SQUAD...

...HAD TRAVELED UP TO MOBIUS' ORBIT TO PAY ME A LONG OVERDUE VISIT! \* WHAT A POOR FATHER! DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP!

WELL, MAYBE THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT AFTER I'VE ROBOTICIZED HER...



\* Last ish.--JFG



ROBOTNIK... JULIAN... PLEASE SPARE THE CHILDREN.

IN THEIR STEAD I OFFER...

...MYSELF.

Hmmm... ALLOW ME A MOMENT TO CONSIDER YOUR PROPOSAL. ROBOTICIZE THE MEDDLE-SOME BRATS...

...OR YOU?



# SK-THOOM

SORRY, SPORT--NO DICE! WHY SETTLE WHEN I CAN HAVE IT ALL? GET THEM, MY SHADOW-BOTS!

AMY ROSE, PRINCE ELIAS!  
UNCLE NATE! STAY BEHIND ME!

MOTHER HAS BEEN SAFELY REMOVED FROM THE MED-LAB, BUT THE CRYOGEN-COILS FROM HER STASIS-TUBE ARE STILL HOOKED UP!

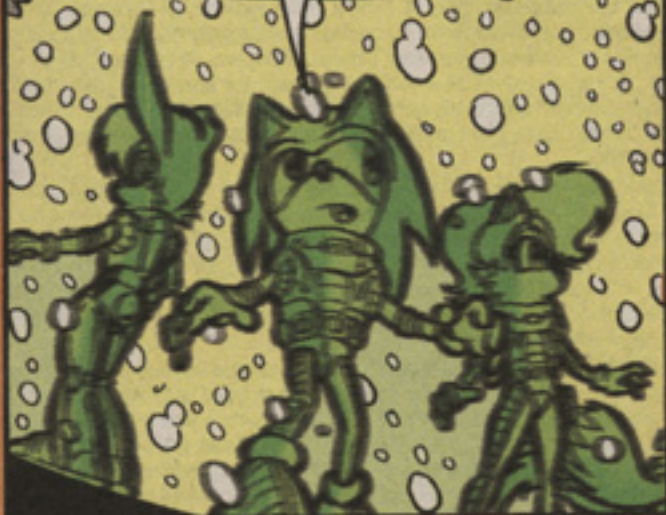
MAYBE THESE "SHADOW-BOTS" COULD DO WITH A BIT OF...

"...COLD STORAGE!"

ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE... LET'S GO!

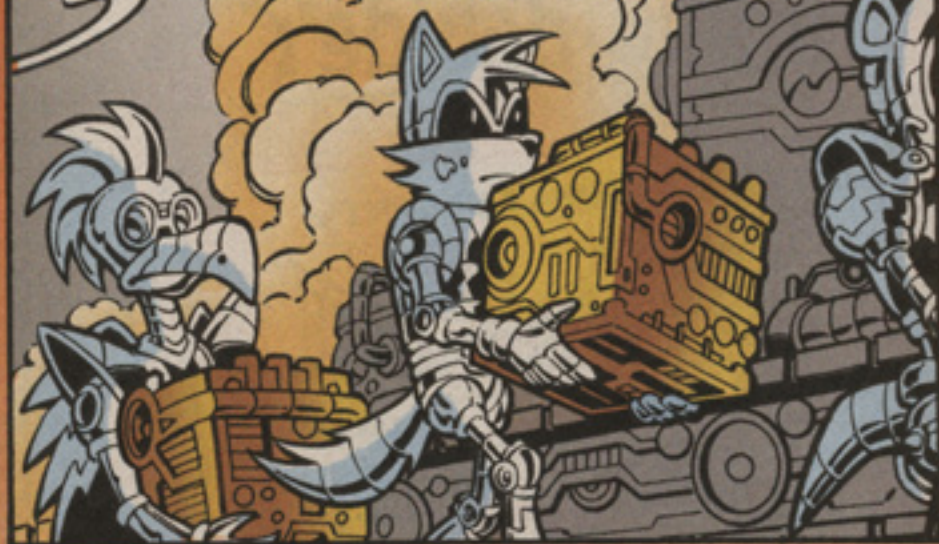


WE'VE FOUND THE MISSING **ROBIANS**; GANG--AND AFTER WE GET OUTTA THIS "EGG-CELL," WE CAN **HELP** THEM!



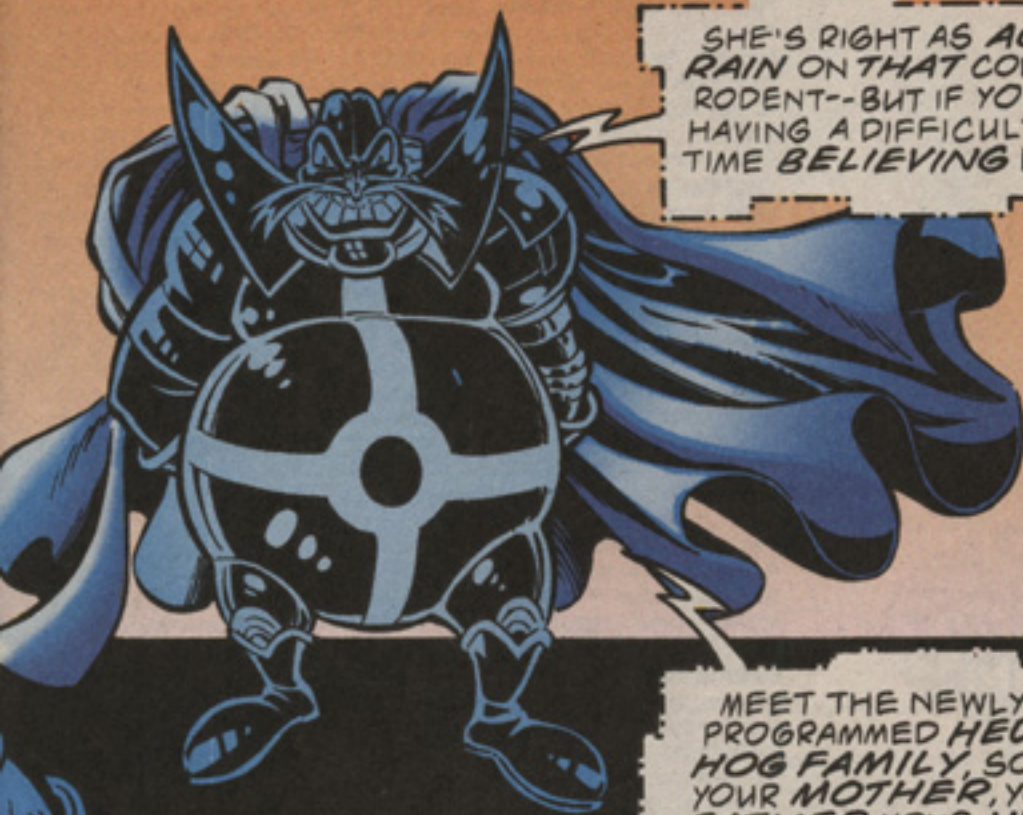
\*The roboticized Mobians mysteriously vanished from Knothole Village in ish # 73-- JFG

I'M NOT SURE THEY WANT TO BE HELPED, SONIC--ROBO-ROBOTNIK HAS **ROBBED** THEM OF THEIR **WILL** TO DO ANYTHING BUT OBEY HIS **COMMANDS**!



SHE'S RIGHT AS **ACID RAIN** ON THAT COUNT, RODENT--BUT IF YOU'RE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME **BELIEVING** HER...

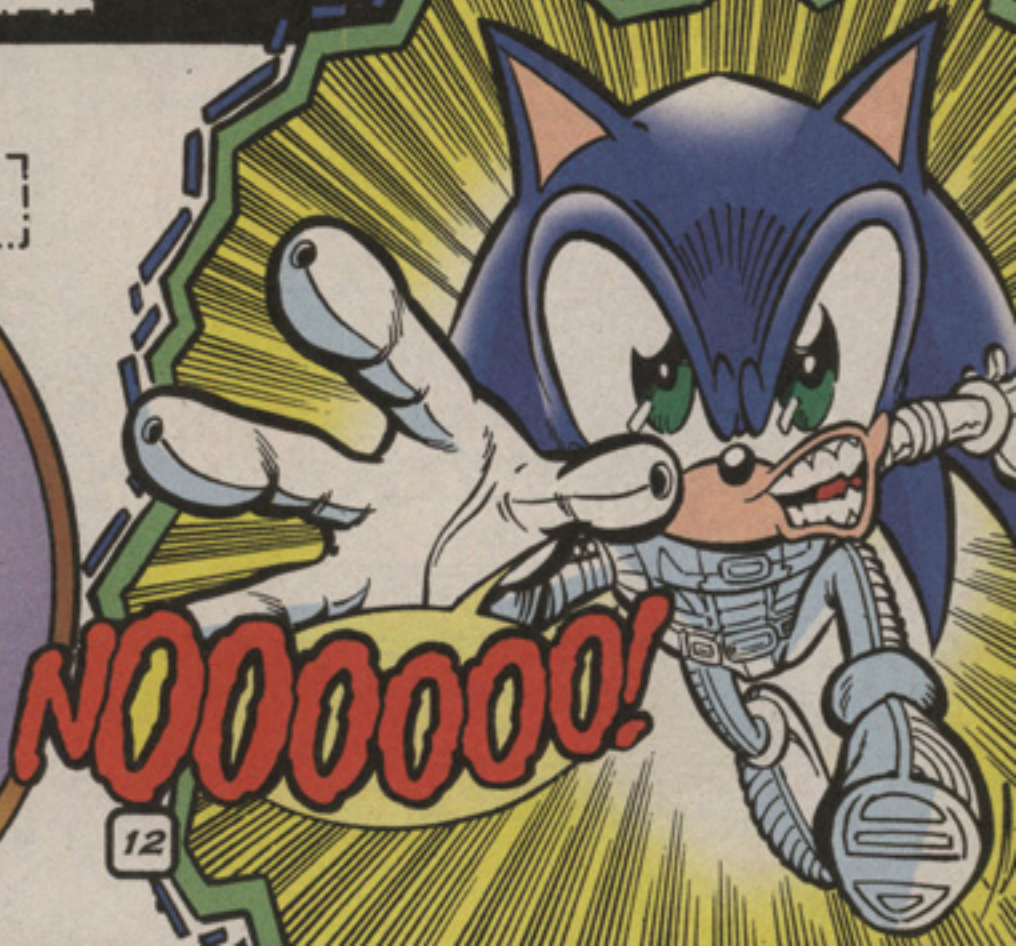
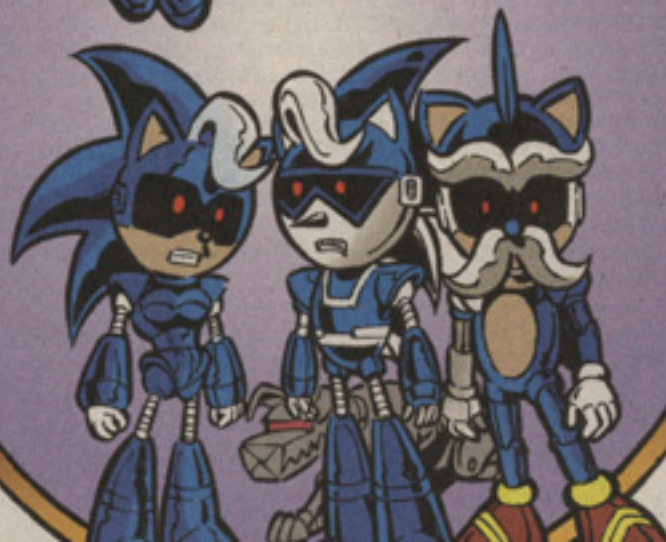
... I'VE **RETURNED** WITH A FEW FAMILIAR **FACES** JUST IN CASE YOU NEEDED TO HAVE THE **POINT** BROUGHT HOME TO YOU!



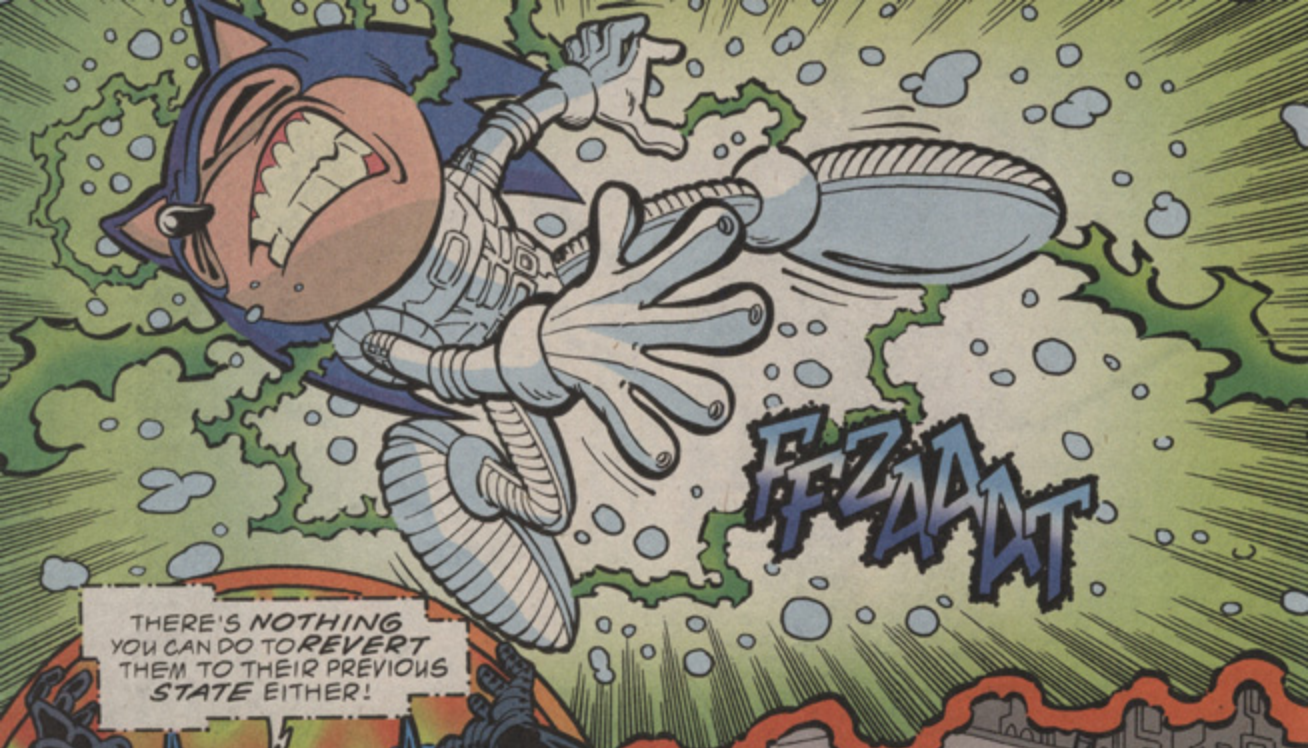
MEET THE NEWLY RE-PROGRAMMED **HEDGEHOG FAMILY**, SONIC--YOUR **MOTHER**, YOUR **FATHER**, YOUR **UNCLE** AND EVEN YOUR **PET**...



... EXIST TO **SERVE** ME AS **MINDLESS SLAVES**!







FFZAAAT

THERE'S **NOTHING**  
YOU CAN DO TO **REVERT**  
THEM TO THEIR PREVIOUS  
STATE EITHER!



THE **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR**  
CANNON HAD SOMEHOW GRANTED  
ROBIANS WHO WERE IN CLOSE  
PROXIMITY TO ITS EFFECT...

...THEIR  
FREEDOM OF  
WILL!

\* Again see ish # 50 or SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 6 . JFG

IT TOOK ME MONTHS,  
BUT I FINALLY DEDUCED  
A WAY TO REMOVE THAT  
"BUG" FROM THEIR  
SYSTEMS...



...AND RETURN  
THEM TO  
NORMAL!





**M**OBOTROPOLIS...

SURRENDER--

--AND--  
PREPARE--  
FOR--  
COMPLETE--  
ROBOT--  
IZATION!

YOU BATTERY-  
OPERATED  
BLOKES HAD  
BETTER STEP  
AWAY FROM  
ROSIE AND  
HER YOUNG  
CHARGES...

...OR LEARN WHAT  
IT MEANS TO FACE HIS  
MAJESTY'S SECRET  
SERVICE!

BOMB--  
SHOW THEM WHAT  
I MEAN!

PING  
PING  
PING

KA-  
BOOM

GET THOSE KIDS  
OUTTA HERE, TEAM-- I'LL  
HOLD THE 'BOTS OFF!

VALDEZ!

WE  
MUST GO  
TO HIS  
AID OR--

WE MUST GET EVERYONE  
TO SAFETY, GEOFF-- THE  
NEEDS OF THE MANY OUT-  
WEIGHS THE NEEDS OF  
THE FEW...



...OR THE ONE!

YEAARRHH!

PLEASE, SONIC-- STOP!  
YOU'RE ONLY HURTING YOUR-  
SELF! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

I'VE GOTTA KEEP  
TRYING, SAL, AND I  
WON'T GIVE UP...

...OTHERWISE  
ROBOTNIK WILL  
HAVE WON!

HE'S TAKEN AWAY MY  
FAMILY SAME AS HE DID  
WHEN I WAS LITTLE. IF HE  
ROBOTICIZES ME, TOO...

...THEN  
I'LL NEVER  
BE ABLE TO  
SAVE  
THEM.

ST  
ZAT  
THEN, I SUPPOSE  
THAT'S ANOTHER  
REASON TO SEE YOU  
RELEASED FROM  
THAT PRISON!

WE'RE  
FREE!

BUT WHO'S  
RESPONSIBLE?!

I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
IT--



**SNIVELY?!**

GUILTY AS CHARGED, HEDGEHOG! UNLIKE THE PRISON BREAK FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND...

...THIS IS ONE ESCAPE THAT I CAN TAKE FULL CREDIT FOR.

\*See ish# 62.--JFG

WE'RE NOT **BUYING** IT, SNIVELY! NO WAY ARE WE GONNA **TRUST** YOU--YOU'RE ROBOTNIK'S FAVORITE **NEPHEW!**

DON'T BE **FOOLED**-- THAT MONSTROSITY ISN'T THE **UNCLE JULIAN** I KNEW AND **DE-SPISED!** AFTER HE SHIPS THE ROBBIANS BACK TO THE **SURFACE...**

...HE INTENDS TO ROBOTICIZE ME AS WELL!

EEP!

WELL HOWZABOUT YOU SET ABOUT **EXPLAININ'**...

I COULDN'T POSSIBLY **HOPE** TO ESCAPE WITH-OUT YOUR **AID!**

...WHUT YOU NEED **US** FOR?

HE'S **RIGHT** GANG-- WE'VE GOT TO GET **OUT** OF HERE. JUST GIVE ME A **SEC** TO QUICKLY PUNCH IN THE **COORDINATES** ON **NICOLE'S** **KEYPAD...**

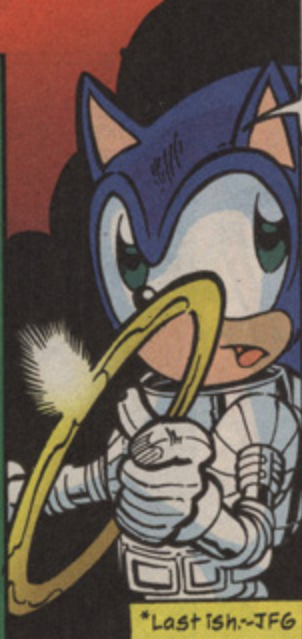
...AND OUR **SPACE SHUTTLE** WILL ARRIVE IN A FEW **MINUTES!**



WE'VE ALL EXPERIENCED THE DEVASTATING **POWER** OF EACH OF ROBOTNIK'S SATELLITES. NOW **COMBINED** AS THEY ARE INTO ONE **SUPER-SATELLITE**...

...THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT **HAVOC** THAT MADMAN PLANS TO **WREAK**! THAT'S WHY I HAD THE **FORESIGHT** TO BRING ALONG THIS **EXPLOSIVE DEVICE**.

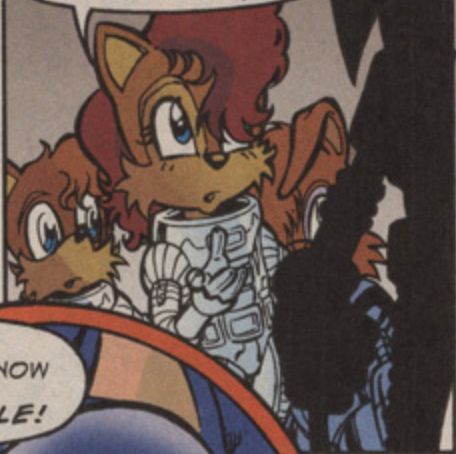
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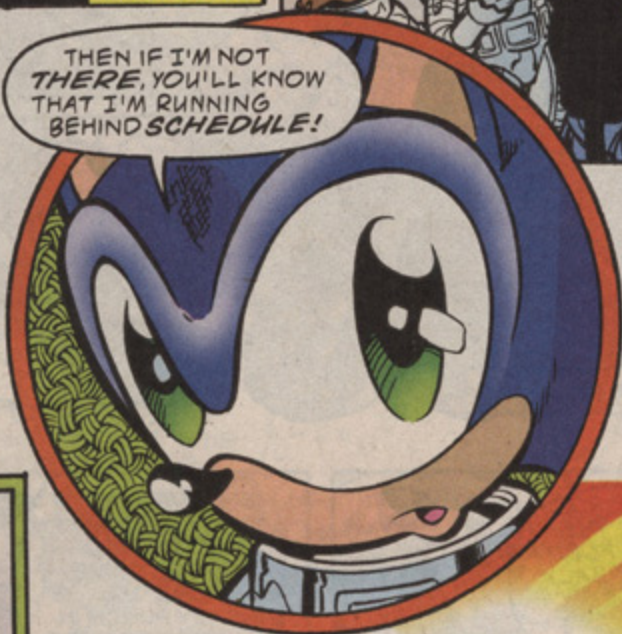
\*Last ish~JFG

THIS **POWERING** THAT NATE GAVE ME\* SHOULD BOOST MY **SUPER-SPEED** LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET MY FAMILY AND MEET YOU ALL AT THE SHUTTLE.

THERE'S NO TIME, SONIC! THE DEVICE IS **TIMED** TO BLOW UP THIS ENTIRE SPACE PLATFORM IN **LESS** THAN FIVE MINUTES!

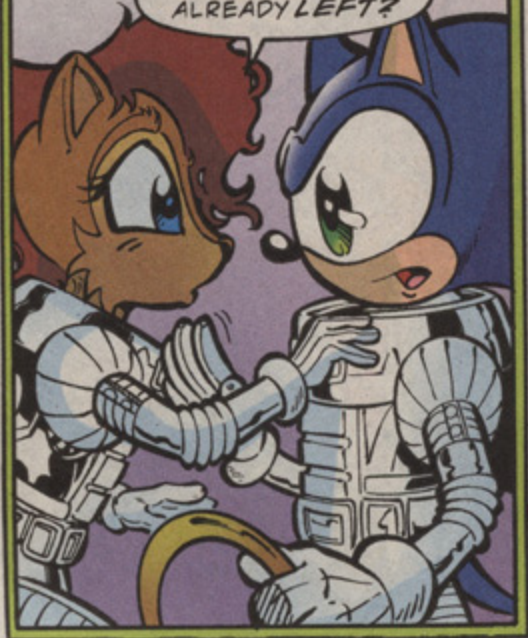


THEN IF I'M NOT **THERE**, YOU'LL KNOW THAT I'M RUNNING **BEHIND SCHEDULE**!

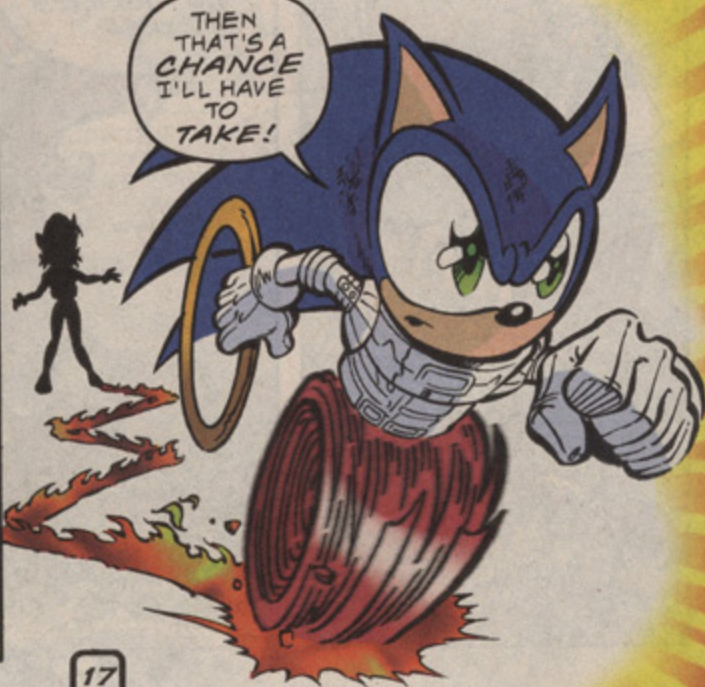


SONIC--**PLEASE!** IT'S TOO **DANGEROUS!** YOU'VE GOT TO COME BACK **WITH US!** SNIVELY MENTIONED THAT THE ROBBIANS WERE BEING SENT **BACK** TO **MOBIUS!**

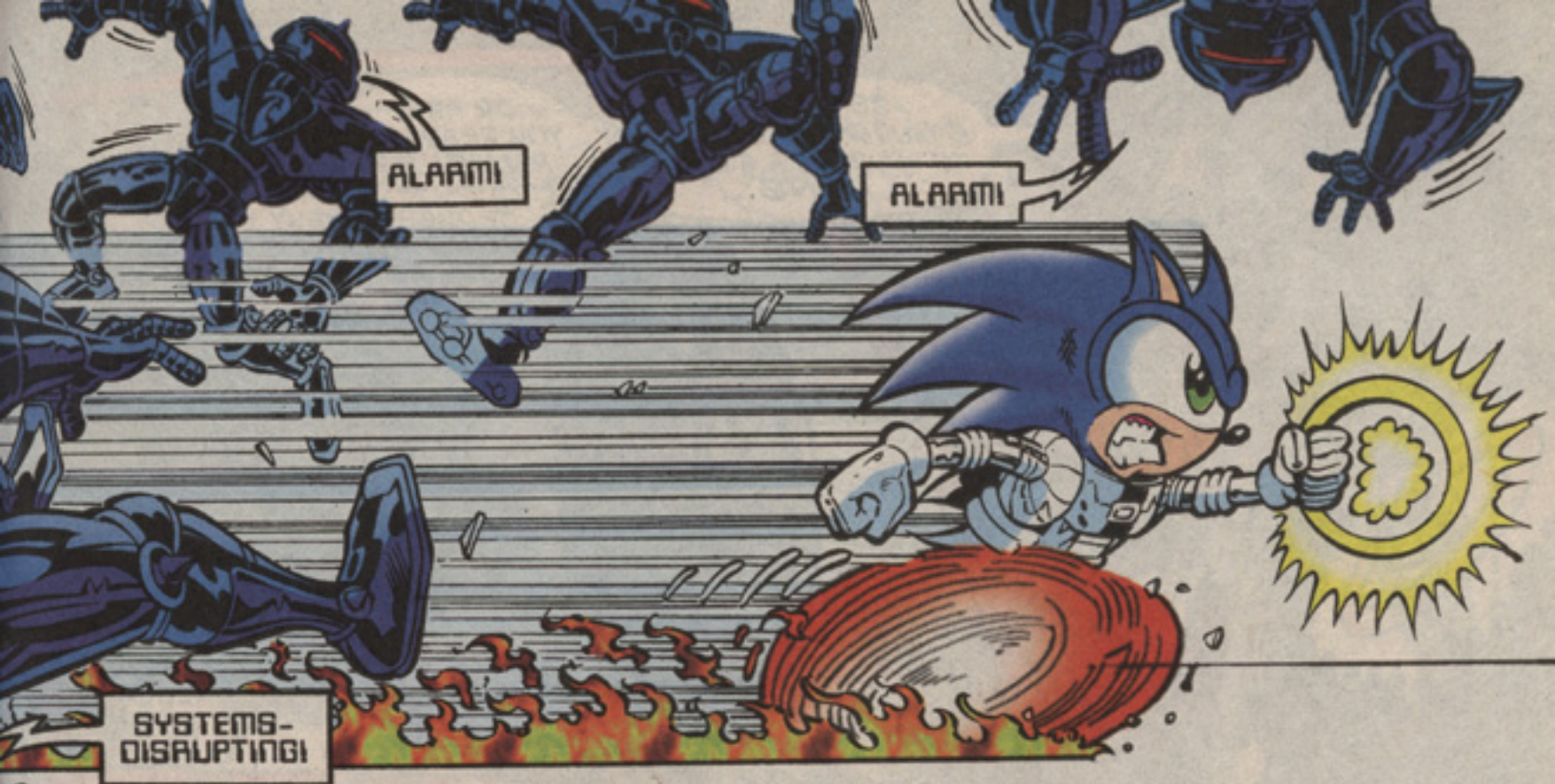
WHAT IF THEY'VE **ALREADY LEFT?**



THEN THAT'S A **CHANCE** I'LL HAVE TO **TAKE!**

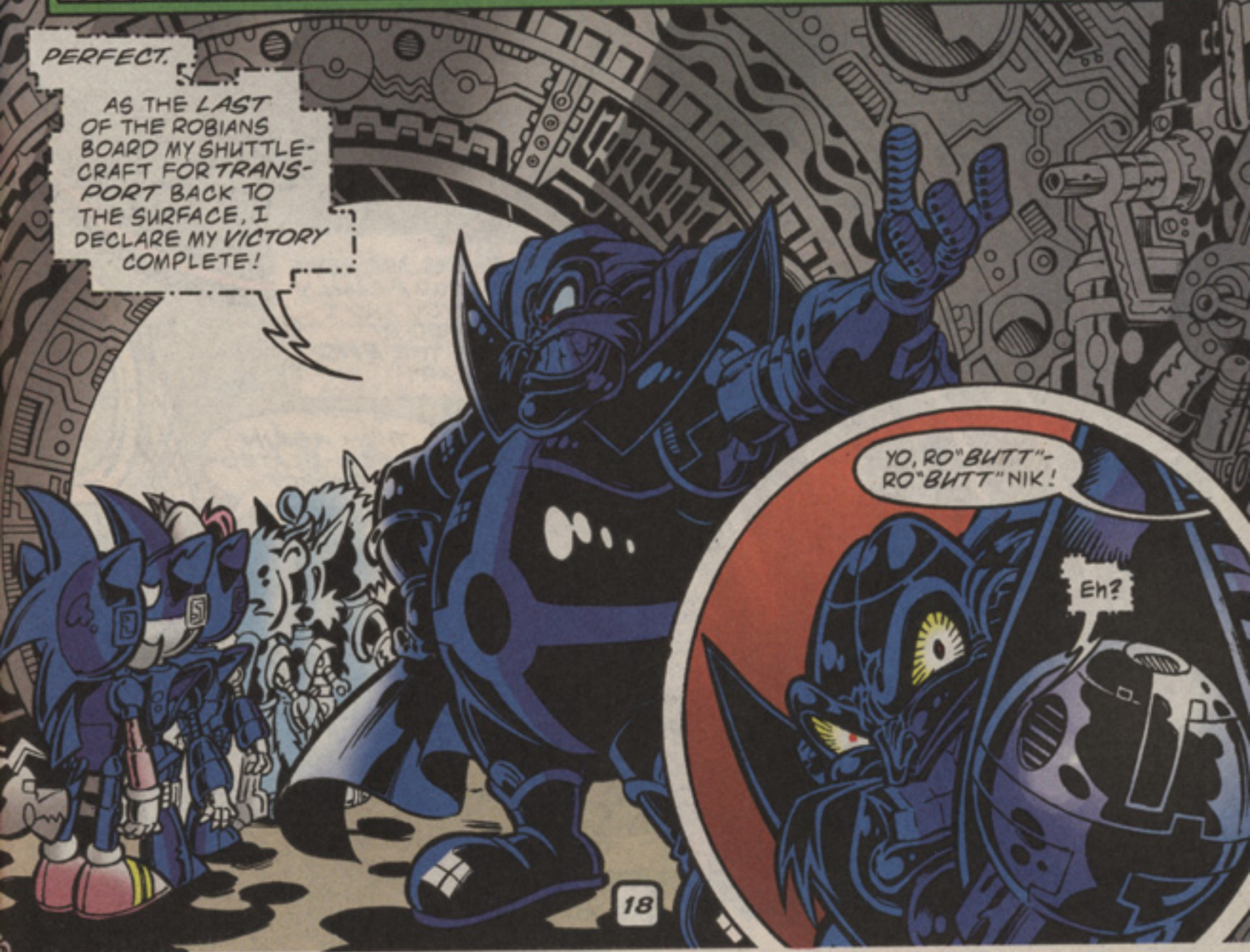




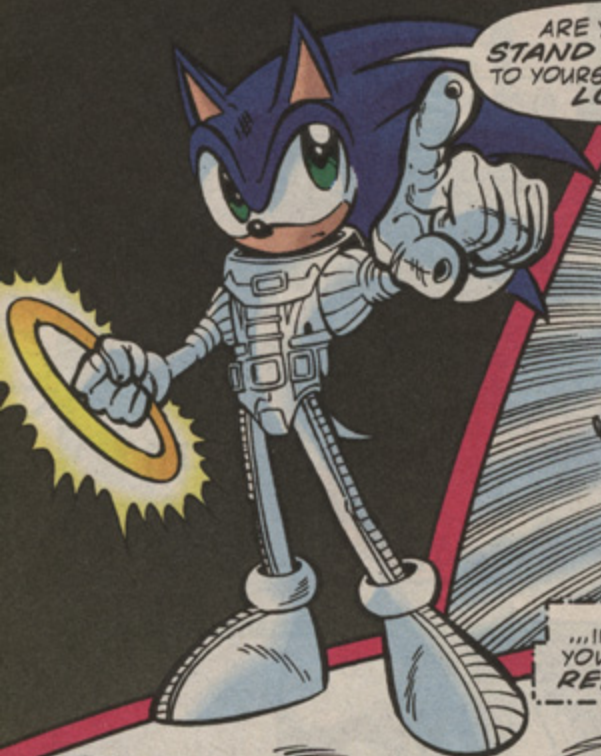


PERFECT.

AS THE LAST  
OF THE ROBBIANS  
BOARD MY SHUTTLE-  
CRAFT FOR TRANS-  
PORT BACK TO  
THE SURFACE, I  
DECLARE MY VICTORY  
COMPLETE!







ARE YOU GONNA  
STAND AROUND TALKIN'  
TO YOURSELF ALL DAY  
LONG...

...OR ARE  
YOU READY TO  
RUMBLE?

THOUGH SNIVELY HAS NO  
DOUBT SEEN FIT TO FREE YOU  
...YOU'RE TOO LATE, VERMIN!

THE SHUTTLE HAS ALREADY  
DEPARTED WITH ALL OF  
THE ROBBIANS...

...INCLUDING  
YOUR BELOVED  
RELATIVES!

WELL, AT LEAST THEY  
WON'T BE AROUND WHEN THIS  
JOINT BLOWS TO KINGDOM  
COME!

YOUR TRIPLE  
SPIN MODE WAS  
INEFFECTUAL  
AGAINST MY RO-  
BOTIC HIDE--HOW  
DO YOU EXPECT TO  
HURT ME WITH  
ONLY YOUR  
BARE HANDS?

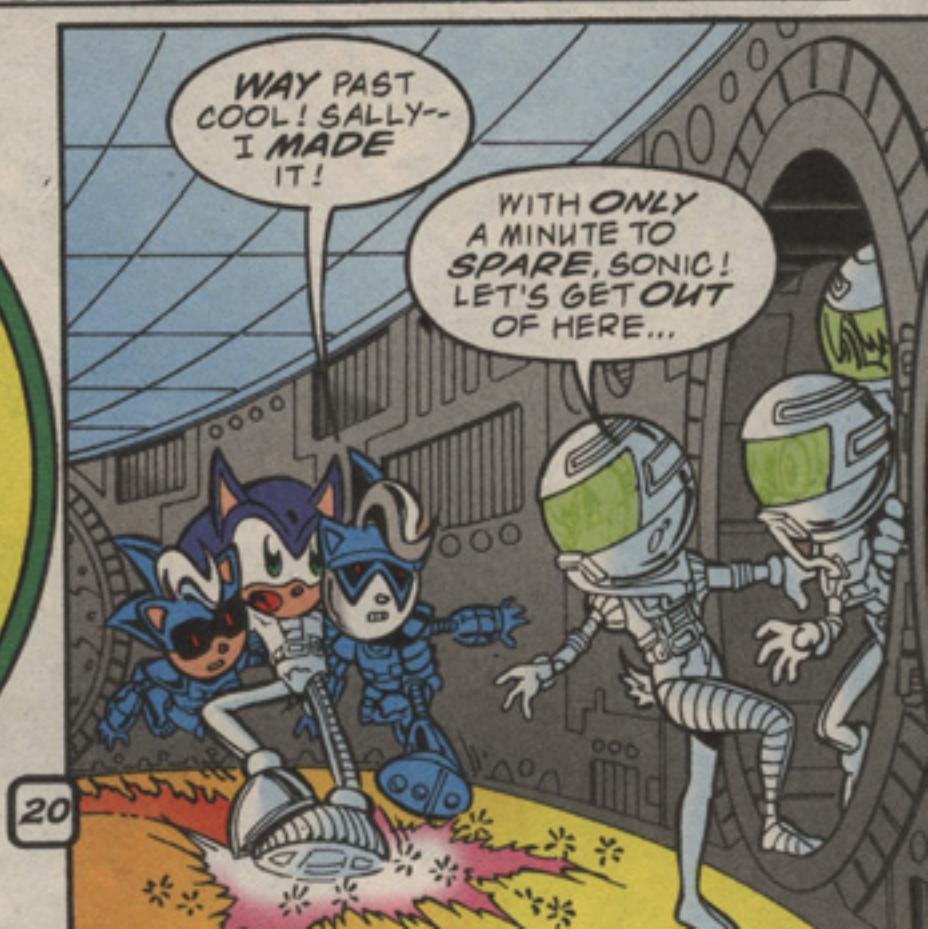
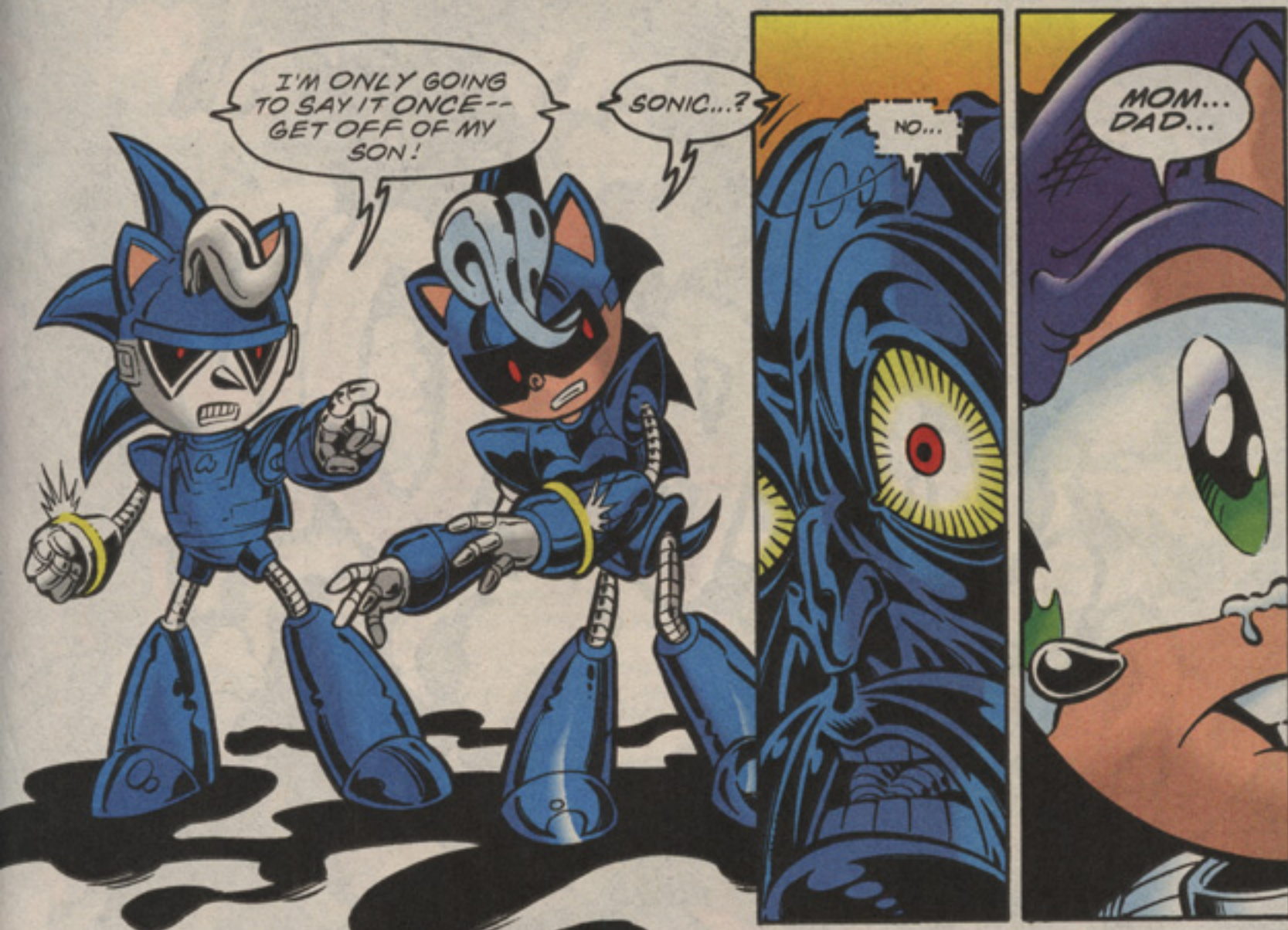


YOUR FRIENDS ARE GONE  
...AND SO IS YOUR FAMILY,  
SONIC. ONLY YOU AND I  
REMAIN ABOARD MY  
SATELLITE AS THE END  
DRAWS NEAR!

THINK AGAIN,  
YOU TIN-PLATED  
TYRANT!









"...NOW!"

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КРАКА-BOOM





I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND,  
MOM AND DAD--

--ROBOTNIK'S RETURN  
REVERTED THE OTHER ROBBIANS  
TO A MINDLESS STATE--HOW  
COME YOU WEREN'T AFFECTED  
THE SAME WAY?

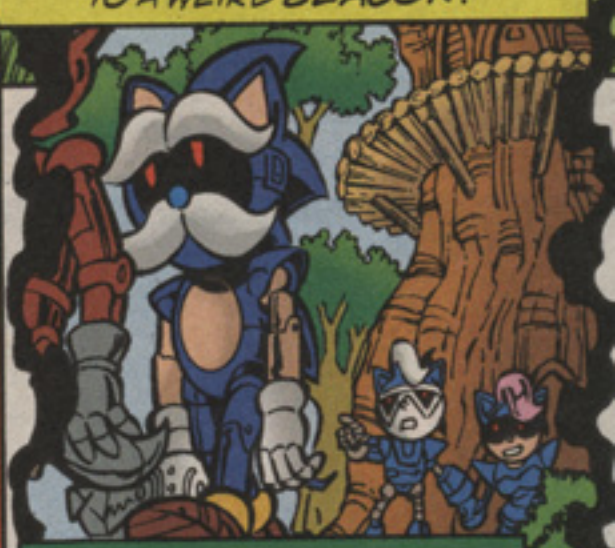


WE'RE  
REALLY NOT SURE,  
SON...

YOU HAD GONE TO  
CASTLE ACORN TO MEET  
WITH PRINCESS SALLY,  
LEAVING ME, YOUR MOTHER,  
YOUR UNCLE CHUCK, AND  
MUTTSKI IN KNOTHOLE  
VILLAGE.\*

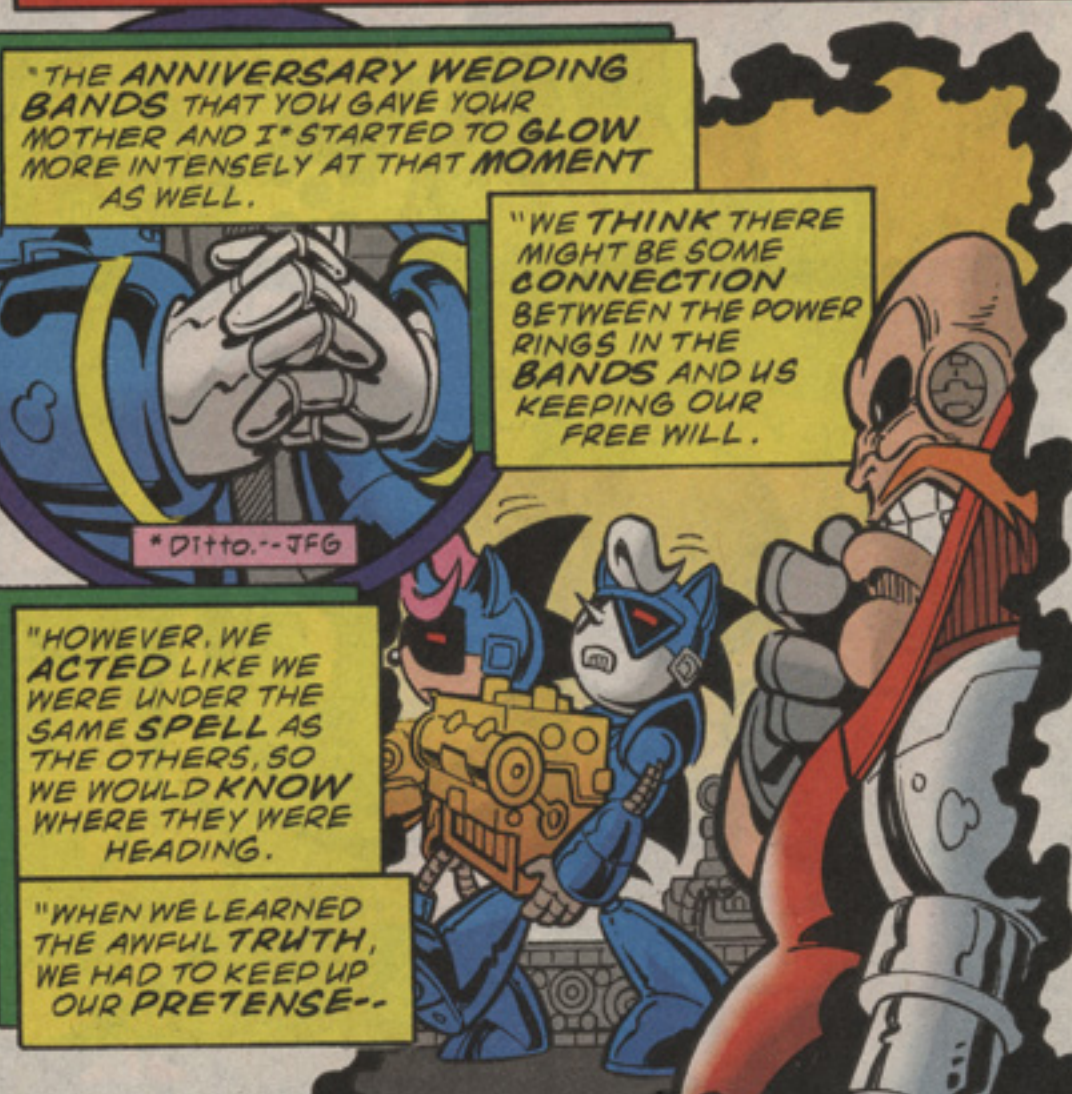
\*In Ish # 73.--JFG

"EVERYTHING WAS FINE WHEN  
SUDDENLY, ALL OF THE RO-  
BIANS IN THE COLONY JUST  
GOT UP AND LEFT IN RESPONSE  
TO A WEIRD BEACON.



"YOUR UNCLE DIDN'T EVEN  
HEAR US CALL OUT TO  
HIM, SONIC.

\*THE ANNIVERSARY WEDDING  
BANDS THAT YOU GAVE YOUR  
MOTHER AND I\* STARTED TO GLOW  
MORE INTENSELY AT THAT MOMENT  
AS WELL.



"WE THINK THERE  
MIGHT BE SOME  
CONNECTION  
BETWEEN THE POWER  
RINGS IN THE  
BANDS AND US  
KEEPING OUR  
FREE WILL.

\*Ditto.--JFG

"HOWEVER, WE  
ACTED LIKE WE  
WERE UNDER THE  
SAME SPELL AS  
THE OTHERS, SO  
WE WOULD KNOW  
WHERE THEY WERE  
HEADING.

"WHEN WE LEARNED  
THE AWFUL TRUTH,  
WE HAD TO KEEP UP  
OUR PRETENSE--

--FOR FEAR THAT  
ROBOTNIK WOULD REMOVE  
OUR WEDDING BANDS.

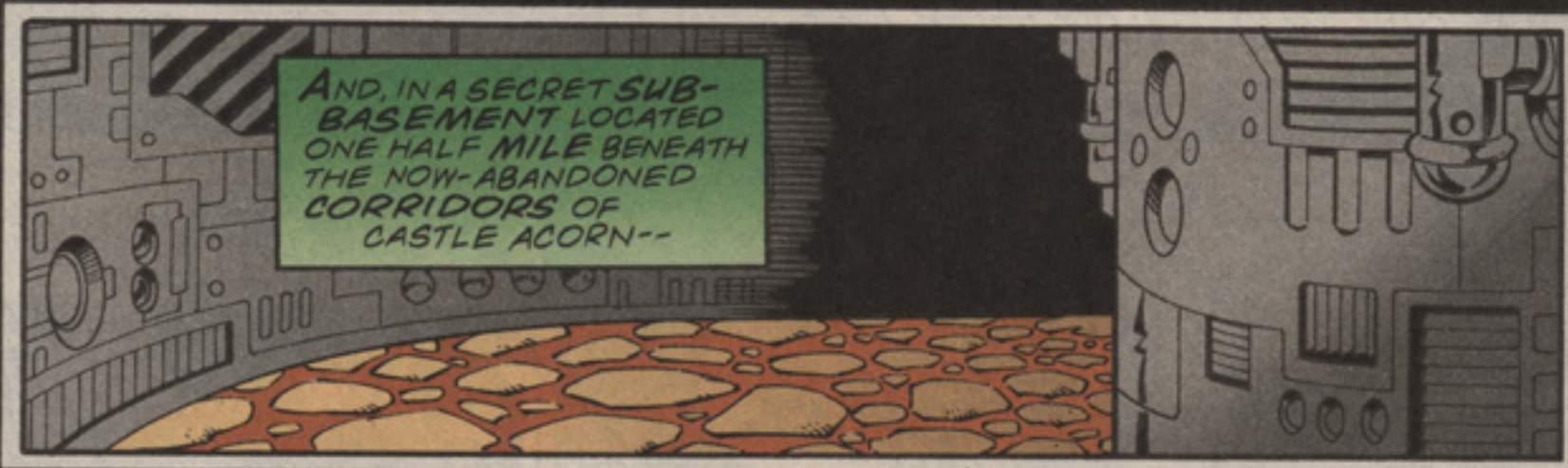
YOU DID A FOOLISH  
THING, SON--BUT WE'RE  
GLAD YOU GOT US AWAY  
FROM THERE!

SO AM I, BUT  
POOR UNCLE CHUCK  
AND MUTTSKI...





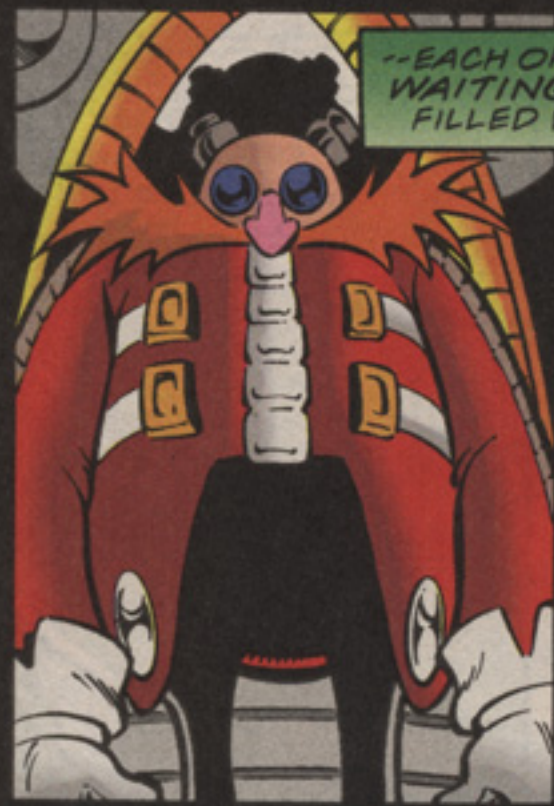
IT IS DUSK IN THE  
NEWLY RE-CHRISTENED  
ROBOTROPOLIS.



AND, IN A SECRET SUB-  
BASEMENT LOCATED  
ONE HALF MILE BENEATH  
THE NOW-ABANDONED  
CORRIDORS OF  
CASTLE ACORN--



--AN ASSORTMENT OF  
ROBOTIC BODIES  
LIE DORMANT--



--EACH OF THEM  
WAITING TO BE  
FILLED WITH--



--THE SPARK  
OF LIFE!



IT SHALL TAKE  
*MORE* THAN A MERE  
EXPLOSION TO DO  
ME IN, SONIC!

THAT I  
PROMISE!







AND IF YOU  
ENJOYED OUR LAST  
75 ISSUES, STICK  
AROUND--WE PROMISE  
THE NEXT 75 WILL BE  
EVEN MORE PACKED  
WITH FUN-FILLED  
ACTION AND  
EXCITEMENT!

HASTA LA VISTA,  
'TIL NEXT TIME!

ADIOS AMIGOS!  
STEVEN BOTLER  
- 0  
R.S. ERIUND

After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty was restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive!  
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



# SONIC-GRAMS



**OFF PANEL** by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

## THIS JUST IN!

What's up, Sonic fans? There are lots and lots of stuff going on so let's get to it. First off, thanks for picking up Sonic's seventy-fifth issue. This truly is a milestone since most books these days have a hard time passing the fifty mark. It's been said before and it will be said again, it could not have been possible without the support of you, the fans: Thank you! Also, my thanks to Karl B., Steven B., Pam E., Jeff P., Frank G., Josh R., Michael G., Dave M., Jim A., & Spaz/Harvo! Of course, we can't forget to thank our favorite SEGA reps, Jane Thompson and Mari Schaal.

This issue also marks the departure of Paul Castiglia as our Promotional Director. Those of you who have been with us since issue #5 know that Paul used to be a Sonic editor. As you can see from the strip above, we were sad to see him go. Seriously, we wish him all the best as he moves on to greener pastures.

This issue also marks the departure of Steven Butler and Pam Eklund as the regular art team on SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. If you are a fan of their artwork, don't worry -- they won't be too far away from the Sonic mythos. They will be taking over the art chores on KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA starting with issue #33. The following is a personal message straight from Steven to you...

"Hi, folks! Steven Butler here saying "bon voyage" to Sonic and crew, while moving to our other title KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA. It's hard to put to words what drawing SONIC THE HEDGEHOG for the past 15 issues has been for me. Let's just put it in a nutshell- "IT'S BEEN A BLAST!" Seriously, coming from a traditional superhero comics background, Sonic presented a unique challenge, as well as a much needed breath of fresh air! I thank Justin and everyone at Archie for giving me the chance to work on this great title, as well as the many fans who have shown their support. You're the real reason we do this stuff in the first place. It's been one wild ride! It's my fondest wish that the same excitement will spill over on to Knuckles. Watch for it! Adios, Amigos!"

With that said, you're probably wondering who will be the new artist on Sonic #76. Check out the next page for the answer and a glimpse of the artwork.

Catch you on the flip side!

**J.F. GABRIE**  
EDITOR / ART DIRECTOR

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# COMING ATTRACTIONS!

In two weeks: Guest-starring the ever-popular Princess Sally! Sally pays a visit to The Brotherhood of Guardians on The Floating Island on a diplomatic mission on behalf of her father. Will her mission of mercy succeed or fail? Don't miss this issue-length epic!

Check out "My Special Friend" written by Ken Penders with art by Art Mawhinney and Rich Koslowski.

## AND NEXT MONTH:

"Business As Usual" written by Karl Bollers. Sonic and The Freedom Fighters are back on Mobius and land in the newly re-christened Robotropolis.

Before heading out to Knothole and rejoining the others, they try to accomplish a dangerous mission with the help of... Snively? Also in the next issue, you will witness the debut of FRY as the new penciler for SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! Joining FRY is inker Andrew Pepoy (from Knuckles fame). Check out his pencils below...

